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TURKISH CABINET LIFTS BAN ON OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION IN
SIX PROVINCES

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(TEXT) THE TURKISH COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAS DECIDED TO
PERMIT THE CULTIVATION OF OPIUM POPPIES IN SIX PROVINCES.
IN A STATEMENT FOLLOWING THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS TODAY, MINISTER OF TOURISM AND INFORMATION ORHAN
BIRGIT STATED THAT THE SITUATION OF 90,000 FAMILIES
WHICH USED TO CULTIVATE OPIUM POPPIES AND THE NEEDS OF THE
WORLD PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY WERE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION
IN TAKING THE DECISION. ACCORDING TO BIRGIT, THE PROVINCES
WHERE OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION WILL BE PERMITTED ARE:
AFYON, BURDUR, ISPARTA, DENIZLI, KUTAHYA, AND USAK. THE
CULTIVATION OF OPIUM POPPIES WILL ALSO BE PERMITTED IN
AKSEHIR, BEYSEHIR, ILGIN, AND DOGANSHisAR DISTRICTS OF
KONYA PROVINCE. AN EFFECTIVE CONTROL SYSTEM WILL BE EMPLOYED
TO PREVENT THE USE OF OPIUM FOR OTHER PURPOSES. PEOPLE
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ATTEMPTING SUCH USE AND THOSE CULTIVATING OPIUM POPPIES IN

OTHER AREAS WILL BE SUBJECT TO LEGAL ACTION. SISCO

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